Flowchart for assessment determination on IEP

1. Student is in enrolled in a grade level that administers statewide testing. (Required statewide at 3-8 & 11 for Dakota STEP and 5 & 9 for Writing)

No

#4 in assessment section of IEP

Yes

2. Will the student be *primarily* accessing general content standards or alternate content standards?

General content standards

Alternate content standards

3. Are there accommodations documented on the IEP that the student receives routinely and are necessary for participation in statewide assessments?

Does the student have a significant cognitive disability as defined by meeting **all** of the following criteria:
1. The student has an active IEP with annual goals and short term objectives/benchmarks which focus on **Alternate Content Standards**; and
2. the student's cognitive abilities are 2.0 standard deviations or more below the mean (inclusive of the standard error of measurement); and
3. the student primarily requires direct and extensive instruction to acquire, maintain, generalize and transfer skills done in naturally occurring settings of the student's life. (e.g. school, community, home, vocational/career, and recreation and leisure)

No

Yes

#1 in assessment section of IEP

4. Would any of the accommodations invalidate the results of the assessment (non-standard administration)?

Yes

#3 in assessment section of IEP including justification statements for (a.) and (b.) **and** code student in SIMS as having a significant cognitive disability.

No

No

Yes

#2 in assessment section of IEP

Non-standard accommodations are not allowed on the Dakota STEP. Determine if there are other accommodations the student can receive that do not invalidate the test. Call SD Special Education Programs at 773-3678 with questions. Return to step 4 above.

The Dakota Step-A is only allowed for students who have a significant cognitive disability. If the student did not meet these criteria, their primary instruction should come from the general content standards with or without accommodations. Call SD Special Education Programs at 773-3678 with questions. Return to step 2 above.

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